under the plea that these funds are used by the promoters to rig stock prices;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of these entrepreneurs asking for bridge loans are not listed at any stock exchange but are only small companies being promoted by unemployed youth, and denial of bridge loans to them would only affect implementation of these projects; and

(c) if so, whether Government will consider removing this ban in the case unlisted companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the sanction of bridge loans by banks and financial institutions (FIs) against public issues/market borrowings has been banned with effect from April 17, 1995 due to absence of a risk free arrangement for such advances which are mostly in the form of unsecured credit. Further, banks and FIs were unable to ensure end-use of funds lent by them by way of bridge loans against public issues/market borrowings. Banks were also found to have not assessed properly the element of risk involved in sanction of bridge loans. There were also cases where recovery of bridge loans was not effected within the due date.

It may be added that the above mentioned prohibition by RBI does not apply to sanction of bridge loan/interim finance by a bank/FI against term loan sanctioned by it.

Aradhana Companies

6966. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the dates of incorporation, the authorised capital paid-up share-capital, list of directors and shareholding of each shareholder in (i) Aradhana Soft Drinks Co., (ii) Aradhana Snacks Foods Co., and (iii) Aradhana Fruit and Food Products Co.; and

(b) the dates of increase in paid-up share capital and the amounts of each such increase in each of the companies mentioned in (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

हरियाणा में टेलीविजन रिले केन्द्र

6967. **श्री रामजीलाल** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार ने पश्चिमी और उत्तरी हरियाणा को टेलीविजन के मैट्रो चैनल से जोड़ने के लिए हरियाणा में एक टेलीविजन रिले स्टेशन स्थापित किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस वर्ष अथवा अगले वर्ष के दौरान ऐसे कितने टेलीविजन रिले स्टेशन मैट्रो चैनल का प्रसारण करना प्रारम्भ कर देंगे ; और

(ग) क्या हिसार रिले स्टेशन इसी वर्ष कार्य करना प्रारम्भ कर देगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य-मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क)